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1. THE EDITORIAL IN THE DECEMBER 14 ISSUE OF THE ARMENIAN REPUBLIC NEWSPAPER KOMMUNIST LISTS THE MANY SINS OF THE REPUBLIC LEADERSHIP WHICH OBVIOUSLY SHOULD BE ASCRIBED TO ANTON KOCHINYAN, UNTIL NOVEMBER 27 THE FIRST SECRETARY OF ARMENIA (REFTEL). MAJOR SHORTCOINGS IN ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND PARTY LEADERSHIP ARE ALLEGED INCLUDING SUBJECTIVISM, VOLUNTARISM, EXCESSIVE LENIENCY, AND BOASTFULNESS. MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS WERE EITHER IGNORED OR TIED UP IN BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS. LOW STATE DISCIPLINE LED TO THE SCALING DOWN OF PRODUCTION PLANS AND HIGH ABSENTEEISM; POOR PARTY PERSONNEL WORK INCLUDED SUCH PRACTICES AS RESHUFFLING FAILED OFFICIALS AND MAKING PERSONNEL MOVES ON THE BASIS OF PERSONAL TIES, PROTECTIONISM, CRONYISM, AND TOADYISM. THE LEADERSHIP WAS ALSO SAID TO BE SPINELESS IN FIGHTING BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY AND SUCH SURVIVALS FROM THE PAST AMONG THE POPULACE AS CONSUMERISM, GREED, BRIBERY, HOOLIGANISM, AND DECLINING SOCIALLY USEFUL LABOR. WARNINGS AGAINST NATIONALISM ALSO APPEARED IN THE EDITORIAL.

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2. COMMENT: THE REPLACEMENT OF ARMENIAN MINISTER V.S. DARBINYAN ON DECEMBER 4 BY YEVGENIY GURGENOVICH PATALOV WAS OBVIOUSLY LINKED TO THE GENERAL (AND CHRONIC) STATE OF CORRUPTION IN ARMENIA. THE CHOICE OF THE ARMENIAN MVD SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF INDUSTRY, KAREN S. DEMICHYAN, TO SUCCEED THE PENSIONED KOCHINYAN MAY BE AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC PICTURE IN ARMENIA. AND THE EDITORIAL WARNING ABOUT NATIONALISM LENDS SUPPORT TO ACADEMICAIN SAKHAROV'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE ARREST OF A BAND OF ARMENIAN NATIONALISTS RECENTLY.
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